

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

WATCH OUT FOR THE CHILD WEEK

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, more than 14,000 school buses travel on the roadways every school day in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, school buses are equipped with flashing warning lights, crossing control arms and stop arms to inform the motoring public when a school bus is approaching or engaging in a student passenger stop; and

WHEREAS, the number of school bus stop arm violations was over 2,300 per day in 2007; and

WHEREAS, every such violation presents a chance that a child could be injured or killed while boarding or leaving the school bus; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, through the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, will conduct "Operation Stop Arm," a safety initiative to reduce collisions, injuries and fatalities involving school bus passengers by enforcing all traffic laws around the state's schools and school buses; and

WHEREAS, in the U.S. there are, on average, six fatalities and numerous injuries reported in the loading zone around school buses, caused by motorists failing to stop for the school bus;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 20-24, 2008, to be "**WATCH OUT FOR THE CHILD WEEK**" in North Carolina and call upon all of our citizens to safeguard our children's lives by driving safely and prudently upon the observation of a school bus.



A stylized, handwritten signature of Michael F. Easley in dark ink.
MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this thirteenth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.